

MARSH FIMBRISTYLIS

Fimbristylis spadicea

Located in marshes and shallow water along the coast in New York and south.

A rigid, perennial sedge, growing in dense tussocks; the thickened base covered with firm, dark sheaths. The stem is stiff, slender, 3-angled, wiry; 0.3 to 1 m high. Leaves are pale and rigid, with the edges rolled in; usually shorter than the stem. The stem is terminated with 3 to 10 varied-length stalks (5 to 15 cm) on which are found 1 to 4 dark brown spikelets; the central spikelet is stalkless; spikelets are egg-shaped to cylindric and pointed; covered with dark brown (with green midvein) scales.

The spikelets are eaten by wildfowl.

